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1. DOL SEMINAR ON "PRODUCTIVITY IN THE STEEL FOUNDRY INDUSTRY"
WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. DOL OFFICER BUG-
BEE HAS DEPARTED FOR SOFIA TO MEET WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR OFF-
ICIALS ON OCTOBER 3 AND 4. BUGBEE'S WASHINGTON ETA IS OCTOBER5.

2. DOL SEMINAR TEAM, CONSISTING OF JOHN JENKS, U.S. STEEL;
ARTHUR KOMMEL, RETIRED, WEAN UNITED; GEORGE KELLOGG, PULLMAN
SWINDELL; CHARLES ARDILINI, DOL/BLS; AND BUGBEE, TRAVELED FOR
A WEEK THROUGH WESTERN SECTORS OF ROMANIA. THE TRIP COVERED 1,500
KILOMETERS AND INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING VISITS:

A. DROBETA - TURNU SEVERIN- DANUBE RIVER HYDROELECTRIC
COMPLEX:

B. RESITA -STEEL FOUNDRY;

C. HUNEDOARA - STEEL FOUNDRY AND MACHINE BUILDING FACTORY;

D. ALBA IULIA - STEEL FOUNDRY.

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IN THE COURSE OF THIS TRIP, THE TEAM MET WITH 15-20 IMPORTANT
FACTORY AND CITY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF EACH
FACTORY COMPLEX. THESE MEETINGS WERE OPEN, INFORMATIVE AND
USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES. THE TEAM COMMENTED THAT PRE-SEMINAR VISITS
SHCH AS THIS ONE PROVIDED AN INSIGHT AND PERSPECTIVE INTO
ROMANIAN FOUNDRY PRACTICES THAT PROVED INVALUABLE IN TAILORING
THEIR SUBSEQUENT PRESENTATION TO THEIR ROMANIAN AUDIENCE.

3. SEMINAR SESSIONS WERE ATTENDED BY 30-70 PROFESSIONALS EACH DAY. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS DOMINATED PARTICIPATION AT THE SEMINAR. THE BALANCE OF PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED STATISTICIANS, ECONOMISTS, TECHNICIANS, INSPECTORS AND RESEARCHERS. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE LACK OF WORKING FOUNDRY PROFESSIONALS IN ATTENDANCE; HOWEVER, THIS MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE LARGE DISTANCES SEPARATING FOUNDRY LOCATIONS FROM THE SEMINAR SITE IN BUCHAREST. ARDOLINI HELD LAST DAY WORKSHOP TITLED "METHODOLOGY IN MEASURING PRODUCTIVITY" WITH APPROXIMATELY FIVE STATISTICIANS FROM MINLAB.

4. JAN BEIU, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CEPECA), IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, STATED THAT IN REPORTING TO PRESIDENT RANTU OF THE STEPHAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY ABOUT THE SEMINAR, HE WOULD LABEL IT "THE BEST EVER." BEIU ALSO ADDED THAT THE ROMANIAN SIDE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S SEMINAR.

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO FREE UP AN OFFICER TO ATTEND SUBJECT SEMINAR, EMBASSY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE SEMINAR TO REESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN ITS CONTACTS WITH CEPECA AND MR. BEIU IN PARTICULAR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BENEFITS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL PROVE BENEFICIAL IN MANY ASPECTS OF WORK ASSOCIATED WITH LABOR PRODUCTIVITY QUESTIONS AND WIDER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE USG.
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